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I

Keep wakeful eye and ear, my friend,
For all mankind;
Thou canst not know nor tell, my friend,
What lurks behind
The flattering speech, the graceful smile—
How little truth, how much of guile,
Is hid within the heart the while.
Beware!

II

Remember, e'en thyself, my friend,
Hast crafty grown;
Consider how Deceit, my friend,
Eret deeply sown
Within thy breast, slow fed upon
Its kindlier nature, until won
The victory o'er thy peace undone,
Beware!

III

Ah, Life's a losing game, my friend,
A taunting blank—
When love itself is tricked, my friend,
By wealth and rank;
Take council of thy wit, and seek
No favors that thy feelings pique—
Of both the fawning and the meek,
Beware!

IV

Trust him who makes thee pay, my friend,
And squarely, too.
For all he grants; 'tis he, my friend,
Alone that's true.
He hath no subterfuge, no plan
To cheat or cozen: such a man
Thou canst respect, and waive this ban;
Beware!

—*Puck.*

FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

It will be remembered that a bust of Frederick Douglass was recently placed in Sibley Hall of the University of Rochester. The ceremonies were quite informal—too informal, we think, as commemorating a deserved tribute from the people of Rochester to one who will always rank as among her distinguished citizens. Mr. Douglass himself was not notified officially of the event and, therefore, could in no public manner, take notice of it. He was however informed privately of it by the gentleman whose address is given below, and responded to it most happily as will be seen by the following letter which we are permitted to publish:

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25, 1879.

Samuel D. Porter, esq.:

MY DEAR SIR: I am extremely obliged to you for your kind and timely letter which came this morning, for it was a relief from a real cause of embarrassment. When first I read of the formal unveiling and the presentation of my bust to the city of Rochester, the speeches made on the occasion by eminent gentlemen—notably the remarks of Dr. Anderson the honored president of Rochester University, an institution which has done so much to make the name of the city illustrious—I felt an almost irrepressible impulse to do or say something out of the common way, to some one of of my old friends and fellow-citizens which should express, however crudely, something of the grateful sentiment stirred in my breast by this distinguished honor. But as no one of the respected gentlemen active in the procurement of the testimonial said anything to me about it, and treated me as if I were out of the world, as all men should be when they are once reduced to marble, I began at last to think that silence on my part was perhaps the best way to observe the proprieties of the occasion. Now, however, I am relieved. You have made it easy for me to speak, to express my earnest acknowledgments to the committee of gentlemen having this matter in charge and who have conducted it to completion. Incidents of this character in my life do much amaze me. It is not, however, the height to which I have risen, but the depth from which I have come that most amazes me. It seems only a little while ago, when a child, I might have been seen fighting with "Nep," my mother's dog, for a small share of the few crumbs that fell from the kitchen table; when I slept on the hearth, covering my feet from the cold with the warm ashes and my head with a corn bag; only a little while ago dragged to prison to be sold to the highest bidder, exposed for sale like a beast of burden; later on put out to live with Covey, the Negro breaker; beaten and almost broken in spirit, having little hope either for myself or my race; yet here I am alive and active, and with my race enjoying citizenship in the freest and prospectively the most powerful nation on the globe. In addition to this, while I am yet alive, have thought it worth while to preserve my features in marble and to place them in your most honored institution of learning, to be viewed by present and future generations of men. I know not, my friend, how to thank you and the gentlemen, who have acted with you, for this distinguished honor. My attachment to Rochester, my home for more than a quarter of a century, will endure with my life.

Very gratefully and truly yours,
FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

It were alone worth all the effort of the gentlemen, who united in the fitting recognition of the public services and the private worth of F. Douglass, to have inspired a letter thus tender in its sentiment and so suggestive of the various phases of a career than which the republic has witnessed none more strange more noble. Frederick Douglass can hardly be said to have risen to greatness on account of the opportunities which the republic offers to self-made men, and concerning which we are apt to talk with an abundance of self-gratulation. To him, the republic offered no opportunities. It sought to fetter his mind equally with his body. For him, it builded no school-house, and for him it erected no church. So far as he was concerned, freedom was a mockery, and law was the instrument of tyranny. It spite of law and gospel, despite of statutes which thralled him and opportunities which jeered at him, he made himself by trampling on the law and breaking through the thick darkness that encompassed him. There is no sadder commentary upon American slavery than the life of Frederick Douglass. He put it under his feet and stood erect in the majesty of his intellect; but how many intellects as brilliant and as powerful as his is stamped upon and crushed, no mortal can tell until the secrets of its terrible despotism are fully revealed. Thanks to the conquering might of American freemen, such sad beginnings of such illustrious lives as that of Frederick Douglass are no longer possible; and that they are no longer possible is largely due to him who when his lips were unlocked, became a deliverer of his people Not alone did his voice proclaim emancipation. Eloquent as was that voice, his life, in its pathos and in its grandeur, was more eloquent still: and where shall be found, in the annals of humanity, a sweeter rendering of poetic justice than that he, who has passed through such vicissitudes of degradation and of exaltations, has been permitted to behold the redemption of his race?

Rochester is proud to remember that Frederick Douglass was, for many years one of her citizens. He who pointed out the house where Douglass lived hardly exaggerated when he called it the residence of the greatest of our citizens; for Douglass must rank as among the greatest men, not only of this city, but of the nation as well—great in gifts, greater in utilizing them, great in his inspiration, greater in his efforts for humanity, great in the persuasion of his speech, greater in the purpose that informed it. Rochester could do nothing more graceful than to perpetuate in marble the features of this citizen in her halls of learning; and it is pleasant for her to know that he so well appreciates the esteem in which he is here held. It was a thoughtful thing for Rochester to do, and the response is as heartfelt as the tribute is appropriate.

NORFOLK NOTES.

REVIVAL OF POLITICS—NEW LEADERS—A DERELECT COMMITTEE—CARTHAGINIAN CLUB—GOSSIP.

The gist of the gossips for the week or two past has been rather of a repugnant sort. A lady was recently taken with the *Painter's* cholic and called in one of her neighbors to aid her in the preparation of an antidote. A few minutes afterwards the locality was in arms. The lady with the cholic was taken with a fit of jealousy for her husband who had been absent from home about 18 hours, and in a violent delirium dealt her neighbor such powerful blows as to fell her senseless to the floor, where she was found weltering in her own gore. Of course a crowd of idle young women, old mothers in the cause of voodism and sweet potato-colored widows gathered about the house where the victim of duplicity lay. Squeaking babes and hungry children who had accompanied their parents, enlivened the affray with yells for corn meal and milk juice. Still they gathered until the neighborhood wore the appearance of a field day in Congo; and then as if to heighten the levity of the scene, a stalwart fellow of the law executive brigade made his appearance at the lower end of Hawk street, on a dog trot, brandishing a mahogany billy in one hand and a Colt revolver in the other, hatless, followed by a half dozen Celts of the curio type whose reception was not surpassed by that which greeted Stanely on entering Ujiji Too late; the painter himself had interposed his force and quieted the affray. The locality seems to be a most remarkable one. The noise of these church people's melee had subsided when the familiar voice of an orator soared out and above Gorden's Hall,

Strike till the last infidel expire,
Strike and rekindle the literary fire
Of our fathers our brothers and home

A few gentlemen were engaged in organizing the Carthaginian Club which promises to be unlike the other clubs here whose actions have rather thrown disrespect than respect upon the race. Its members are being carefully selected from the more advanced class of citizens who show some capacity for else than holiday "festivals," As Joe Smith said, speaking of the United Daughters of the faith of Moses, "they mean business."

About two months ago a rousing mass meeting was held at Masonic Hall by the people and a committee appointed to present their views regarding their exclusion from the jury box, to the judges of the several corporation and U. S Courts. Up to this writing the committee for reasons best known to themselves has failed to make a report. It is composed of stalwarts and will doubtless report when they get ready and not before. It is not too late to put the judges on record.

The old hacks are again appearing on the political board. They have made several moves, but so far all in vain. Their latest move was attempting to reorganize the Republican party, but failed completely. They denounced the Federal office holders and yet a committee, the majority of whom are Navy Yard employees and dependent for employment upon those whom they denounced. How consistent! Should they act wisely and gain the good will of the people whom they must claim to represent at the regular election in September, many of them may be elected members of the proper committee. At best, they are but provisional, and though the cry is for new leaders and comparatively are in a new position, they by no means fill this bill. Devoid of influence and sagacity, nothing particularly can be expected of them else than little petty scrambles for place. It is said here that John Wolz has already promised the state delegation for secretary Sherman at the National Convention. Whether he will be able to deliver this accordingly remains to be seen. Yet there is very little doubt but that the state can be carried for Mr. Sherman, but hardly by the gentleman who has promised it. Ex president Grant has a great many friends who carried the state for him but most of them are out of office. If new leaders get control of the party, which can be done only by disregarding the president's civil service order, the Republicans will have a chance for carrying the state in 1880; this is seen by all interested. Several politicians are now arranging for a state committee with Hon. J. Jorgenson at its head but is opposed by Popham and Brady.

ESKIAM.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

BY C. HOWARD JOHNSON.

BETHEL LITERARY.

On June the 18th the members and friends of Bethel Literary held a reunion at the house of Mr. Willis H. Cromwell. The exercises consisted of speaking, reading and singing. Among those who took part were Robert Holland, president; speaking by Dr. Reeve, singing by Mme. Howard and Miss Measl, reading by J. L. Jenkins and Mme Wiley, singing by Quartette, speaking by H. P. Williams, R C. Lewis, William Merrill and others. After exercises the company adjourned to another room for refreshments. At the small hours of the morn, friends might have been seen wending their way homeward well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

CHERRY STREET EXCURSION.

Cherry street Sunday school excursion, as we have before stated, went to Langhorne Park. The day was fine and the attendance good, there being present very near all the members of the church.

Mr. A. Ellis, of Boston, Mass., gave a lecture at Shiloh church on the evening of June 19th. A good house was his reward.

On Thursday night last being invited to a reception in Camden, about 8 o'clock we pulled stakes and moved to that gay but sandy shore. Arriving at the hall we were entertained by reading, speaking and singing. Prizes were also given; the first a gold ring for the prettiest lady, to Miss Robinson; the second a silk umbrella to Mrs. Mays and a photographic album to lady selling the most tickets. After an evening of enjoyment under the guidance of Mr. William Armstead, we returned to our home very well pleased with the reception that we received at the hands of the "Jersey Blues"

On Friday, June 20th at Crucifixion church there were eight persons confirmed, one of whom was Miss Fanny M. Jackson of the Institute.

Our journalistic friend, H. Price Williams, of the *Sunday Press* gives a great *fete Champetre* at Saenger Park on July 10th. Give him a helping hand. Admission only 25 cts.

Monday afternoon the Institute for Colored Youth holds its commencement exercises at Association Hall. A full account in our next.

The North American Review.

[Edited by Allen Throndike Rice.]

JULY 1879.

I.—Our Success at Paris in 1878,—R. C. McCormick.

II.—The Revolution in Russia.—A Russian Nihilist.

III.—The Public Schools in England, Part 2.—Thomas Hughes.

IV.—The True Story of the Wallowa Campaign.—Gen. O. O. Howard.

V.—The Psychology of Spiritism,—George W. Beard.

VI.—The Education of Freedmen, Part 2—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

VII.—Recent Essays,—Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

TO THE FRIENDS OF EDUCATION.

The fourth annual session of the Virginia Educational and Historical Society will be held in the city of Lynchburg, Va., Tuesday, July 15th, 1879.

A cordial invitation is extended to ministers, teachers, ex-teachers and others having an interest in education.

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PROGRAMME.

1. Welcome Address: Rev. L. R. Johnson, Lynchburg, Va.

2. Mathematics: To what extent and how it should be taught in our Common Schools. Prof. D. N. Vassar, Lynchburg, Va.

3. Should Corporal Punishment be resorted to in Schools. Thos. Cayton, Charlottsville, Va.

4. Vocal Music in School as a Physical Exercise. Miss M. F. Woolfolk, Richmond, Va.

5. Rural School Life, its Hardships and its Pleasures. Miss Alice Kinkle, Fincastle, Va.

6. The Teacher and Society. Miss R. L. Dixon, Richmond, Va.

7. Is English Grammar best taught with or without the aid of a Text Book? Rev. A. Binga, Manchester, Va.

8. The Increase of Petty Crimes. W. C. Roane, Richmond, Va.

9. The Practical Operation of our Jury Law and its Effects on the Administration of Justice. R. P. Brooks, Richmond, Va.

DISCUSSIONS.

Should the State foster Higher Education? Prof. Jos. E. Jones, Lynchburg, Va.

Is the demand of "Colored Teachers for Colored Schools" one that should be insisted on and made an issue in politics, if petitions to school-boards are unavailing? Opened by Rev. W. H. Brooks, Richmond, Va.

N. B. Subjects not on the programme can be presented to the secretary during the session, who will properly arrange them.

J. W. CROMWELL, president,
J. H. BOWSER, corresponding secretary.

THE PEOPLE' ADVOCATE.
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J. W. CROMWELL, Editor and Proprietor

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We call the attention of our readers to the official proceedings of the NATIONAL CONFERENCE now out. As there will be quite a demand for them from all parts of the country, we would urge upon all the importance of sending in their orders with the cash at once. The first to come will be served first. Cash must accompany the orders. The pamphlets are twenty-five cents each or twenty-five copies for $5.00.

The "Colored Vistor" a semi-monthly published at Logansfort, Inda., has reached our office. Mr. S. M. Raines, publier, declares his intention of making it a credit to the colored citizens of Indiana, with their aid. To this we say amen.

We call the attention of our readers, to the programme of the Virginia Educational and Historical Society, which meets at Lynchburg this month. The railroads have made liberal reductions, and the people of the city have opened their hearts and homes to all the visitors who purpose to attend this meeting. We trust, therefore, that the city will be filled with the friends of education from the different sections of the State—from Norfolk to Abingdon, from Winchester to Danville. For the colored educators should look after the interest of colored schools.

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS GATHERING

Certainly the word is moving. Last week there was an important religious gathering at Staunton, the "Valley Virginian" informs us, of the black and white Baptist preachers, at which certain topics of general interest were discussed by ministers of high standing of both colors.

We have no doubt that this meeting was eminently successful, for we learn from the same authority, that:

Suitable provision is made for all who may attend separate seats in each house of worship being set a part for both white and colored people. The meetings to-day were held in the White Baptist Church; in the Ebenezer (colored) Church, on New Street and Saturday, in Mt. Zion (colored) Church, near the intersection of Augusta and New Streets,—the whites in each case, occupying seats reached by entering the right-hand door, the colored people the left, the seats immediately in front being reserved for the ministers.

Whether the white and colored ministers approached the pulpits from the right and left sides respectively, the "Virginian does not state; surely such an important matter as this could not have been neglected; for we are assured "that this movement originated among our own people who desire the religious improvement of the colored race among us; and who cannot be suspected of aiming at 'anything like social equality between the race.'"

Well, although we must not despise the day of small things we sincerely regret that we were not present at this re-union of Chrstian fellowship.

On behalf of many Baptists in this city we suggest that when next they meet in Staunton, that they consider by what gates, white and black Christians enter Heaven, and whether there there will be any social equality there.

LITERARY SOCIETIES OF OUR PEOPLE.

While Washington has nothing to boast of in the way of literary organizations, it is encouraging to note, that in Union Bethel and Asbury churches some earnest attempts are being made in this line, which deserve more general encouragement and the patronage of those of decided literary tastes. We need here in this National Capital, a strong literary organization, in which the thoughtful and aspiring of all denominations, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Catholics and Episcopalians, can join something like the Literary Association which meets at Bethel Church, Philadelphia, now in its third year)—an organization, though designed for that denomination, has in it members which from all sections and denominations of that city; in which those just making their first-steps, and others farther advanced in the pursuit of knowledge, both labor in their appropriate spheres.

We of Washington, love to boast of our cultured men and women. We have here those, whose fame is world wide; such veterans as Dr. Crummell and Frederick Douglass. Younger men like Prof. Greener, ex-treasurer Cardozo, Revs. Waring, Fitzhugh, and Grimke,—the Otey brothers and hosts of ladies prominent among whom we tarry to name: Mrs. Shadd Cary, the Bozemons, Miss Briggs, and Mrs. Fleetwood.

If there is one church which more than any other, can be deemed "the popular church" of this city, Asbury is that church. An organization located there, representative in its character of the different grades of culture among us, would certainly wield an influence upon the masses as great if not greater than that by the organization in the city of Brotherly Love.

Many honestly differ as to the utility of such a society, and think it "casting pearls before swine" to discuss literature and art before the "common herd." So it is, but we would advise them to descend to a lower plane and labor to secure a sure foundation; that at once obtained any kind of superstrucure could be raised.

The summer is here, but these few weeks will soon be sped, and the literary season come again. Let us be "up and doing" that it may no more be said to our discredit that with literary men without number, we have no literary organization, vocalists beyond compare and yet no musical association; lovers of science, not a few, and no organization for its promotion.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

BY C. HOWARD JOHNSON.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

On Monday last the annual commencement of the Institute for Colored Youth took place at Association Hall. The audience was large and composed of the *elite* of our city. On the stage besides the school there were several Friends and their families. Miss F. M. Jackson, the principal, sat in the centre, surrounded by her able corps of teachers and members of the school. At 3:30 o'clock the exercises were opened by a Latin salutatory by Miss Henrietta C. Shephard, which was well delivered. Next, an essay by Miss Sarah P. Pembleton, Mrs. Thale's Tea Table. This exhibited careful preparation and earnest study. Miss Agnes J. Barney came next with an English version from the Latin of Sallust. Then Mr. Frank R. Howell with No Sense like Common Sense, showing that at least, he could claim a large share of common sense. By a mistake Miss Corinne Price delivered Lessons from Animal Life before Miss Elizabeth Dunbar whose essay was, The Jews under Richard 1 and under Victoria, in which the contrast between the condition of Jews in the two periods was well noted. Miss Catherine E. A. Cooper gave a short sketch of Hugh Miller. Mr. Walter B. Page treated of the Fourth Estate; he gave a history of the hard struggles of Newspapers and also spoke of their being 26 colored papers, each and every one of which being larger and better than the *Boston News Letter*, a paper about the size of a sheet of fools cap paper.

He made note of the position held by one of our colored men on a Sunday paper, saying, only by pluck, grit and perseverance was the position gained. Miss Julia I. Songow came next with Lessons from the Story of Timon of Athens; her speaking was good, only not delivered loud enough. The next speaker, Miss Emma M. Marriot, took for her topic Trading Schools for servants. Miss Marriot's speaking was the best, containing humor as well as facts. The lady advocates a school where servants could be trained by an education in duties of any class they prefer. After finishing this education, each should get a diploma and the commencement should consist of a grand dinner (as suggested by the *Times*.) Miss Marriot spoke very plainly and to the point and elicited the hearty applause of the audience. Next came Miss Selina R. Hall, subject: Protews. Miss Rebecca A Walton followed in the Slaughter of the Innocents A. D., 1879, under which head she treated of the way in which children were now brought up. Robert H. Clayton, theme Wm. Lloyd Garrison. Mr Theodore Gould, jr gave the Valedictory Address in a good style After the close Miss F M Jackson addressed the class, Diplomas were delivered after which the bouquets were distributed of which there was quite a profusion.

On Wednesday, June 25, the examination of scholars of the Institute for Colored Youth took place at the school building The room was full of visitors and the scholars did themselves credit, after which prizes were given.

On Monday night last, the present senior class gave the graduates a reception in the school On Tuesday evening the present middle class composed of Misses Barney, Ramsey, Smith and Venning Messers Moore, Lewis, Aylor, Still, Connor and others gave the graduates a reception; both were enjoyable

On Friday last, the Robert Vaux Grammar School held their closing exercises in the school with a few invited guests The exercises were vere very good; after which some of the scholars were mentioned by the principal, Jacob C. White, as worthy of commendation

Harry Harris, esq:, has accepted a position as correspondent of a Kansas paper We wish him all success

Three young ladies of Robert Vaux Grammar School have passed examination for the Girls Normal School Now is the time for our colored girls to show what they can do by study

On Tuesday night last, Bethel Literary adjourned for the summer with speaking, reading and singing The literary is progressing in a fine manner, and attracts the attention of some of our leading colored citizens

A meeting held last week at Bethel Church in memory of Rev G A Whitfield was addressed by several prominent gentlemen

THE SCHOOL FIGHT.

INTERVIEW WITH COMMISSIONER DENT.

HE OPENS HIS EYES WITH ASTONISHMENT.

A BASE SUBTERFUGE.

The committeappointed by the meeting of colored citizens of the First Sub-Division, (colored) first ward, held at John Wesley Church, Tuesday evening, 24th inst., waited upon commissioner Dent, and presented the proceedings of that meeting, recommending the names of Rev. Wm. J. Walker, Dr. S. Roger Watts, Wm. L. Freeman, Thos. H. Wright and Lindsey Muse, from which to select a trustee. *vice* Mr. Jno. H. Brooks, whose term of office expires the 30th inst.

The following named composed the committee: Rev. Jno. Brent, Messrs. Wm. H. Bell, Thos. Martin, Chas. H. Lemos and Thos. J. Harris. Our news editor accompanied the committee by request.

The committee was received courteously by commissioner Dent and the views expressed with reference to matters pertaining to our colored schools were listened to by the commissioner with marked attention.

Mr. Martin in behalf of himself, and others presented a petition protesting against Mr. Brooks' re-appointment. The petition among other things charged the present incumbent with acts unbecoming a gentleman and trustee; that a universal complaint from teachers and pupils was made against Mr. Brooks, charging him with uncouth, unrefined and insulting manners towards them; that they were laboring under constant fear, duress and anxiety occasioned by his haughty and overbearing deportment.

Commissioner Dent replied, that he "would not for an instant allow any official of the school to exert such power as complained of. He desired teachers and others to feel perfectly safe in their positions, laboring under no fear or duress under any consideration. He did not know of these matters complained of. He would speak plainly, and in so doing, was free to say, that the present incumbent had his entire confidence, and this was shared by his colleagues and the officials of the School-Board. He would give Mr. Brooks the widest latitude to answer any charges preferred against him. He had just received that day, an official communication from Mr. Brooks courting an investigation into his official conduct as trustee; that he considered Mr. Brooks' services indispensable, and regarded him as one of the ablest and most energetic officials the board ever had; this opinion and estimation was also largely shared by his colleagues. He was both pained and astonished to learn for the first time of any opposition from colored citizens to Mr. Brooks. He had read the proceedings of the meeting in the morning papers with much surprise. He should in view of representations, deem it his duty to confer with Mr. Brooks and speak plainly to him with reference to the things complained of."

A member of the committee said, "the colored citizens with but a few exceptions, no matter how worthy or respectable, could not approach Mr. Brooks. Indeed, that it was almost a matter of impossibilty for our race to interview him, especially upon matters associated with the public schools."

Commissioner Dent replied, "that he was also sorry to hear this complaint for the first time emanating from what appeared responsible sources. Mr. Brooks is on the board to represent your citizens, and it is both your right and duty to consult with hm."

The committee related "that it was almost next to impossible, on account of so much repulsiveness and haughtiness on the part of Mr. Brooks."

The commissioner replied that "this statement almost appeared incredible in view of the fact, that Mr. Brooks to us, appears just to the contrary to what you charge. He is an affable and genial gentleman and so considered by us."

The chairman of the committee interposed, "that Mr. Commissioner is only one side of him." Another member of the committee, ventured the suggestion, that "it was impossible for the commissioner (Mr. Dent,) *or any of his colleagues to know of what transpires in the social circles of colored people or in their churches*" Here it appears that there is almost universal dissatisfaction with Mr. Brooks. It is a common theme in our homes, upon the streets and in our churches.

The commissioner replied "that such is a fact, I had no means of knowing until you made your complaints known." Another member of the committee declared "that the present incumbent continually boasts of the protective power behind him. It is agreed among our people, that he is "under your wing." (This quaint remark caused much laughter in which Mr. Dent joined.) This belief more than anything else frightens our teachers and other subordinations of the schools."

The commissioner again "declared his hostility to it. Another member of the committee assured the commissioner, that no malice, selfishness or narrow mindedness prompted this present agitation and discontent. This is duly evidenced by the recommendation of our best citizens."

The commissioner inquired, if an equally large number of respectful and prominent *men*, colored men would meet and sustain Mr. Brooks?'

The chairman of the committee "emphatically replied "no sir; representations to the contrary notwithstanding, I do not speak for the entire District of Columbia; but I know in Mr. Brooks' own district school, there is universal dissatisfaction."

Another member of the committee, claimed that "he knew of his personal knowledge that the present incumbent was full of energy and perseverance, and a good school-worker; but this was not a good set off against Mr. Brooks' manner in mistreating, insulting, and brow-beating teachers and others connected with the colored schools. This may not be. Mr. Brooks may not be guilty of these acts, but when a class of our best representative colored citizens some, who have grand-children and great grand children attending the schools, and by whose exertions in days gone by, these schools were created, complain of such acts, certainly they are worthy of at least respectful and careful consideration. And as we are compelled to petition the commissioners for redress of grievances, we do so, whether they are noticed or not."

Commissioner Dent replied, "certainly I shall give the matter proper attention." He subsequently qualified his remark with reference to this invaluabilty of Mr. Brooks' services, by saying that "the services of none of us are invaluable." The conversation at this point became general; and in reply to a statement made that "male teachers had no chance of employment in the colored public schools; that male teachers should be placed over male pupils, and supervising principals," commissioner Dent replied that "he was in entire sympathy with this proposition, and that in this matter, he feared he disagreed with the policy of the board. He was informed by some officials of the board however, that male teachers could not be employed as cheap as female teachers to teach schools composed of boys. Hence, it was in the interest of economy to employ females."

The committee informed Mr. Dent, that "such representations, no matter from what sources emanating, were wilfully false and a large subterfuge advanced for personal reasons.,,

The chairman then arose and said; "Mr. commissioner if we succeed in having you so curb Mr. Brooks, as to have him deport himself at least *like* the gentleman, and treat our lady teachers and female pupils of the High School with proper dignity, and as they should be treated, we shall have accomplished much good, earnestly desired by a large number of our people."

The commissioner assured the committee that this ought to and should bed one. Here the interview ended by thanks individually expressed by the committee for its kind reception.

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—Adjourned school meeting Wednesdey night at Union Bethel Church. Detailed notice and advertisement received. Everybody is invented.

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—Miss Maria B. and Willie Syphax, are spending their vacation near the Blue Ridge Later advices from Miss Midy, assures her friends of much pleasure and benefit derived from the atmosphere of the Mountains.

—The Review of the lessons for the quarter of the Salem Baptist Sunday School, at the 19th Street Baptist Church, last Sunday afternoon, was very enjoyable The litle ones acquited themselves well Both in their singing and knowledge of the lessons, where we next witness a review by the School We hope to hear more from the little ones The superintendent, Mr. Scott, deserves great credit for this perseverance and industry; but oh-my; how I wish he could have seen a litle verse which reads, "Let another Priase him" &c. Mr. J. W. Cromwell of the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE, mae an appeal for funds which was generously responded to.

—Grand Union Picnic at Irving Park, Baltimore and Ohio R. R., Monday, July 14th 1879. Round Trip tickets 50 cents. For particulars see small bills.

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A Hint.

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Trustee for Colored School.

Last Tuesday evening a meeting of colored citizens of the 1st. Sub-Division 7th. Sub-District Colored Public schools located in the North Western portion of the city, was held in John Wesley church, for the purpose of recommending a suitable person for trustee. Among those present were Dr. S. R. Watts, Rev. Wm. J. Walker, W. H. Bell, E. Murray, R. Colbert, J. B. Marshall, J. H. Curtis, T. Holland Sr. Moore, T. J. Harris, W. A. Freeman, R. Bowie, Rev. J. Brent, and W. C. Chase.

A Visit to Sabbath Schools.

The schools visited Sunday last are large schools. A writer says, "a large school ought to be a good school." While my eyes shall not be closed to what I see open to criticism, I shall not find fault with what I dislike.

UNION BETHEL A. M. E.

School is held in Bethel Hall, M street. The Hall is a very large one and yet nearly every available spot is occupied. Passing in the Hall, on either side is a small room, and these are infant classes. In the one on the right I found Miss M. R. Bowen with 53 little misses, drilling them in the Apostle's creed and ten commandments; just a few more chicks than there is room to accommodate, but all the new ones expect to go in this room and none of the old ones want to come out. In the room on the right Miss Anna E. Geary had 38 little gents, drilling them on the lesson for the day, using the "Lesson Cluster." Miss Bowen, as an infant class teacher, is too well known to speak of her. Miss Geary has shown herself to be an excellent teacher. Oh, ye teachers, who are discussing the question as to whether your scholars shall bring their leaves or leave them at home, or whether you shall keep constantly before your own eyes your Journal, just go in each of these infant class rooms and see what an advantage there is in being able to discard your journal or paper!

Passing in the main room you find it crowded with scholars of all sizes. Perhaps no school in Washington has a greater reputation than Union Bethel, gained by their grand singing and the handsome manner it always acquits itself on public occasions; but here it is at home. Well, let us take a look at it.

The room is appropriately adapted to Sunday school purposes, for on each side of the wall you see mottoes: 'The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want:' 'If you love me keep my commandments:' 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy:' 'O, prepare to meet thy God:' on the wall at the back, 'God bless our school:' 'Order is heaven's first law,' and Resolutions of condolence by the school on the death of their beloved superintendent John F. Wright, splendidly engraved and neatly framed: over the front door, 'May we all meet again:' benches and chairs are used and some of the teachers have their classes around them. To say the sight is beautiful—beautiful! beautiful don't begin to express it. One thing especially I noticed, that in a Bible class of large size boys and young men the supt. had the material from which he could supply the places of absent teachers; supernumeraries every school ought to have; this class was formerly taught by supt. Peel, and during the late revival every one of them was brought into the fold of Christ. This is not surprising to those who know what a firm believer in the power of prayer supt. Peel is.

The school has studied the International Lesson since 1873, using the Journal, Lesson Leaf and Leaf Cluster. In the absence of the chorister Mr. E. L. Thomas led the school in singing, and no one can hear them once without wishing to hear them again. Now as to attendance. In an excellent address by a great Sabbath school worker he says, "in making inquiries on this subject, I would not ask how many on roll, but how many from June 15th to September 15th. Well, instead of giving you the number on roll, through the courtesy of supt. and secretary, I am enabled to tell you that the aggregate number in attendance 11 Sunday (counting back from June 29th) was, teachers, 317 giving an average of 28.31 each Sunday, and of scholars, 3,407 giving an average of 309.77 each Sunday. The school has a library of 325 reading books. Mr. Phillip Malvin and Miss Fanny McCoy receive the books from the little ones as they come in, and are kept busy crediting and charging books which are distributed by your little pages to the different classes. These pages also distribute other books to classes and collect them and place them in the book case The supt. and workers of the school seem determined that the school shall take no backward step. Most of the workers are children of the school, having been baptized at the altar of the church, reared in the school, received as members of the church and are now doing good service for God and the A. M. E. Church. Of course most of the workers are females, for, of a roll of 41 workers 29 are females. Several of the more experienced teachers are likewise teachers in our public schools and have assisted mightily in making the school what it is. Who does not say "God bless and prosper Bethel?"

The officers of the school are, male superintendent William Peel, female supt., Miss Jemusha Tilghman, secretary, William H. Thomas, treasurer, Frank R. Freeman, chorister, John W. Baily, assistant secretary Miss Anna E. Geary, librarian, Phillip Malvin, assistant librarian, Miss F. E. McCoy. Pages, T. H. Cross, William Davis, Fred Freeman and William Freeman.

This school was organized April 1838.

S. S. Review.

Last Sunday evening was very pleasantly spent in a quarterly review held by the Sabbath school of St. Paul's chapel, at the church on 8th street, southwest. A large number of parents, friends and strangers were present. The exercises began promptly at 8 o'clock with prayer by the superintendent, Rev. cato Ward, and continued until past 10 o'clock. Public school trustees Johnson and Holland were present at the beginning of the exercises and remained until their close.

This was the second entertainment of the kind that has been given by the school this year. The twelve lessons of the quarter seemed to be well studied by the children. It was a rare pleasure to hear the "wee bits o' things" recite so nicely the parts assigned to them. The exercises were pleasantly interspesed with music by the school under the leadership of the chorister, Mr. F. W. Moxley.

The success of the review was due, greatly to the efforts of Mr. Jas. W. Butcher, the asst. supt. who conducted the exercises with great precision and nicety. Conspicuous among the scholars who made excellent recitations were Alfred Brown, Abraham Johnson, Julia Brown, and Melvina Bell.

A rich treat was lost by them that were absent and failed to hear the essays of Misses E. V. campbell and Mary A. ward. Their subjects were each chosen from the lessons of the quarter, and were excellently delivered.

The above mentioned ladies were the recipients of well deserved compliments by trustee Johnson. The review closed with an essay on the lessons, a retrospection, by Geo. L. Jackson. At the conclusion of the reading of this paper, Messrs. Johnson, Holland and Russell were called upon to address the school.

Mr. Johnson responded very feelingly; Messrs. Holland and Russell spoke for a short time, and all three actively assisted in lifting the largest collection for the School that has been collected for along time.

After the collection was lifted, a vote of thanks was tendered the visiting gentlemen for their kind words of encouragement and manifested interest in the school.

The School was organized, Dec. 6th, 1858, by Anthony Bowen, Esq., Messrs. Henry Cato, Geo. Ward, Geo. H. Newman and Mrs. Miranda Baily, and is in a healthy and promising condition. The present officers, are Rev. Cato Ward, supt; Mr. James W. Butcher, asst. supt. Edward Chase, sec. J. Henderson, librarian; teachers, eleven.

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THE FREEDMAN'S BANK INVESTIGATION.

A LETTER TO ONE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD AT RICHMOND.

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER,
WASHINGTON, *May* 31th. 1979.
REV. JOHN OLIVER,
Richmond, Va.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of May, 17th, relative to the pending investigation of the affairs of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, has been received, and your suggestions relative thereto will be carefully considered.

The Senate select committee, created by the Senate to consider all matters relating to this institution, is empowered and directed to make a thorough investigation of the management, past and present, of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, for the double purpose of ascertaining the causes that led to the failure of the institution, and also to secure a more economical administration of the institution and a speedy adjustment of its affairs.

The Committee proposes to make its work thorough in every direction and solicits the co-operation therein of the depositors and former officers and friends of the institution.

Your letter shows that you very clearly comprehend the importance and scope of the investigation, and we shall be very happy to have your continued co-operation in the matter. All the points suggested in your letter will be called to the attention of the Committee and in due time will be considered.

Very Truly Yours,

B. K. BRUCE.

AN OUTRAGE IN TENN.

[From the Nashville Pilot.]

UNION CITY, *June* 24th., 1879.

Editor Pilot:

I send you the following account of an outrage which is another to the long list which disgraces the fair fame of our State.

On Monday morning, June the 9th, about 11 o'clock, while Miss Florence Hayes, a student from the Central Tennessee College and teacher of the colored school at Huntingdon, was engaged in arranging her room, at her boarding house in Huntingdon, a white man by the name of Warren entered and asked her name, being assured that it was Hayes, said, you are the "nigger" that pushed my wife off the side-walk. Miss Hayes said she would explain how it was, when with an oath he said "you shan't have time to explain," and struck her on the side of the head with his fist. He continued his blows felling her to the floor, dragging her out and kicking her while she was lying on the ground. Her cries called some few colored people who witnessed part of this outrage.

When Warren left, he gave out that his wife was a lady, and that all "niggers" must not only give half, but all the side-walk to the whites.

Miss Hayes and her friends had Mr. Warren arrested, and after examination before the court he was fined $30.00.

Miss Hayes had taught a year in Huntingdon and had the esteem of all who knew her, as a successful teacher, a quiet well disposed person and a Christian lady. Threats being made that more whipping would result from the fine imposed, some colored men armed themselves and stood guard all night and escorted her to the depot next morning, she and her friends deeming it unsafe for her to teach there any longer. It is said that one of the Huntingdon papers in speaking of the outrage said that the "niggers" must give up all the walk to the white folks. There wakes the cry, "*Ho! for Kansas.*"

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It is hoped that all the Sabbath Schools and Sabbath School Associations, throughout the United States will take special interest in said meeting, and be fairly represented by one or more delegates, male or female.
The delegates are respectfully requested to come prepared to help to defray the expenses of the Union
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Mr. Editor:

Allow us to speak a word about our little town, Marietta, Ga. We left Washington, D. C. on the 12th arriving here on the 14th inst. We confess that we are agreeably surprised with this place. The scenery about it is very beautiful. It is surrounded with mountain and hill, valley and dale; indeed it is a cosy little town in the Kennesaw mountains. It is very picturesque. When you look here, you see a vale; look there, you see a hill, look yonder, and you see a mountain towering to the sky; look another way and you see a beautiful cemetery of ten thousand Federal dead. Indeed there is much here to stir the imagination of the poet. Would that I were one! How I would make these beautiful valleys stand in living green before you; the little hills should skip along; the mountains in their sublime height should pass in panoramic view; the Union dead should arise and speak words of cheer and encourage you; but, alas! I have no such descriptive powers, and I must leave this to one whom nature has favored.

This is also a very healthy town, there is very little sickness here; it is pleasant and cool all summer. The sultry summer's sun does not smite you by day nor the moon by night. Many nights since we have been here it was so cool that we had to sleep under heavy covering. This is a summer resort for many Southern people, making it very lively here at this season of the year. We have music by the band in the park in the morning, at noon, and "at eventide."

There are some very intelligent colored people in this town. Mr. Daniel and Mr. Kimball, two young men who keep a grocery store, and Mr. Rogers, the gentleman with whom I am stopping deserve special mention.

We found three graduates of Lincoln University here also; Rev. Mr. Thompson of a Presbyterian church here, Mr. Fortune a school teacher and Mr. Bacon who is a teacher and who is also studying law. There is also a school teacher in this town who is a graduate of Atlanta University, Mr. Jordan. Our colored children are doing well in studies here. Some have finished arithmetic and are studying algebra. I found a class in Mr. Jordan's school studying Latin. The state only allows the colored children here three months school in a year; but many parents are so aroused to the importance of having their children educated that they retain these teachers all the year and pay them a small sum for each scholar.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

The 19th of June was observed here in great pomp by the colored people in honor of the Emancipation Proclamation. Orations were delivered, essays were read and there was a debate also. Both ladies and gentlemen participated in the exercises; they did well and should be commended. One remarkable feature about the meeting was, that the exercises were conducted entirely by young people. Your humble writer was made chairman of the meeting in spite of all his protests.

The most interesting was the discussion. Subject: Who was the greater patriot, Abraham Lincoln or George Washington? Affirmative, H. M. Shuften, P. J. Bacon; Negative, A. B. Fortune and C. P. Jordan. The judges decided in the negative, hence Washington was the greater patriot. What do you think of that, Mr. Editor? The young gentlemen might have chosen a more practical subject, yet they deserve credit for the skill they displayed in the debate of this one. Mr. Bacon has much the style of a lawyer in arguing.

We have a colored band in this town which gave us delightful music on this occasion. We have something here that you have not seen in Wabington. We have a black Italian, who handles the harp well; he vies with Italians. The Psalmist speaks of the harp, the instrument of ten strings, but our little black Italian has an instrument of thirty strings and O, the music he wrings out of them! Had you been here you would have said that he was not vieing only with the Italians, but that he also vied with the old Hebrew poet who used to make such delightful music for king Saul with the harp.

There is much to write about this Celbration, but we close lest we be tedious.

S. P. SMITH.

Owning to an unforseen accident, the puzzle column will remain unoccupied.

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Prize winners of special prizes were Randolph, Mystic, C. Wel, and G. Olden.

This week we give name and number of puzzles sent for competition, the winner of the three months' subscription was W. Gleason, (Eagle Eye) of East Dedham, Mass. the number sent was 21, there being no two alike, we intend to offer a handsome book soon for competition. Look for it.

MUSINGS.

Namron, we are glad to welcome you to our department as a new beginner. May you increase in popularity.

Flora Nightengale, your second batch at hand, thanks.

Le Valient, your 9 letter diamond in this week, is the second we have received, the first being from Randolph, and yours next. For a young poser you are very good.

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